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SUBJECT: TURKMENISTAN DENIES OVERFLIGHT FOR SUSPECT IRANIAN
FLIGHTS

REF: STATE 117794

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Jennifer L. Brush, for reasons 1.4 (b)
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(S/NF) Turkmenistan's Minister of Foreign Affairs Rashit Meredov called in Charge at 1500 (local) to inform her President Niyazov had immediately ordered the appropriate authorities to deny overflight to Iran's Pars Air Flight PRA-2331/PRA-2320. Charge had earlier delivered reftel demarche at 1130 (local). According to Meredov, President Niyazov thanked the USG for providing information on the flight. As in the June 2005 case, Meredov requested the USG keep Turkmenistan's decision confidential and not/not inform other governments of the decision. In response to Charge's question, Meredov said this decision should have no consequences for the July 24-25 visit to Turkmenistan of Iranian President Ahmadinejad.
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